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THE GATHERING STORM

It is a time of uncertainty in the galaxy. Standing against the oppression of the First Order is the Resistance, including Poe Dameron and his team of ace pilots — Black Squadron.

General Leia Organa is the leader of the Resistance, working out of a secret base on the planet D'Qar. The Resistance fighters, including Poe and the pilots of the Black Squadron, hail from across the galaxy and are dedicated to fighting the First Order and tyranny in all its forms.

Poe has been occupied with information-gathering and rescue missions on behalf of the Resistance. He has been thrown into the most dangerous prison in the galaxy, come face-to-face with evil agents, and survived piloting in incredibly treacherous conditions. Now, he receives a message from his past....

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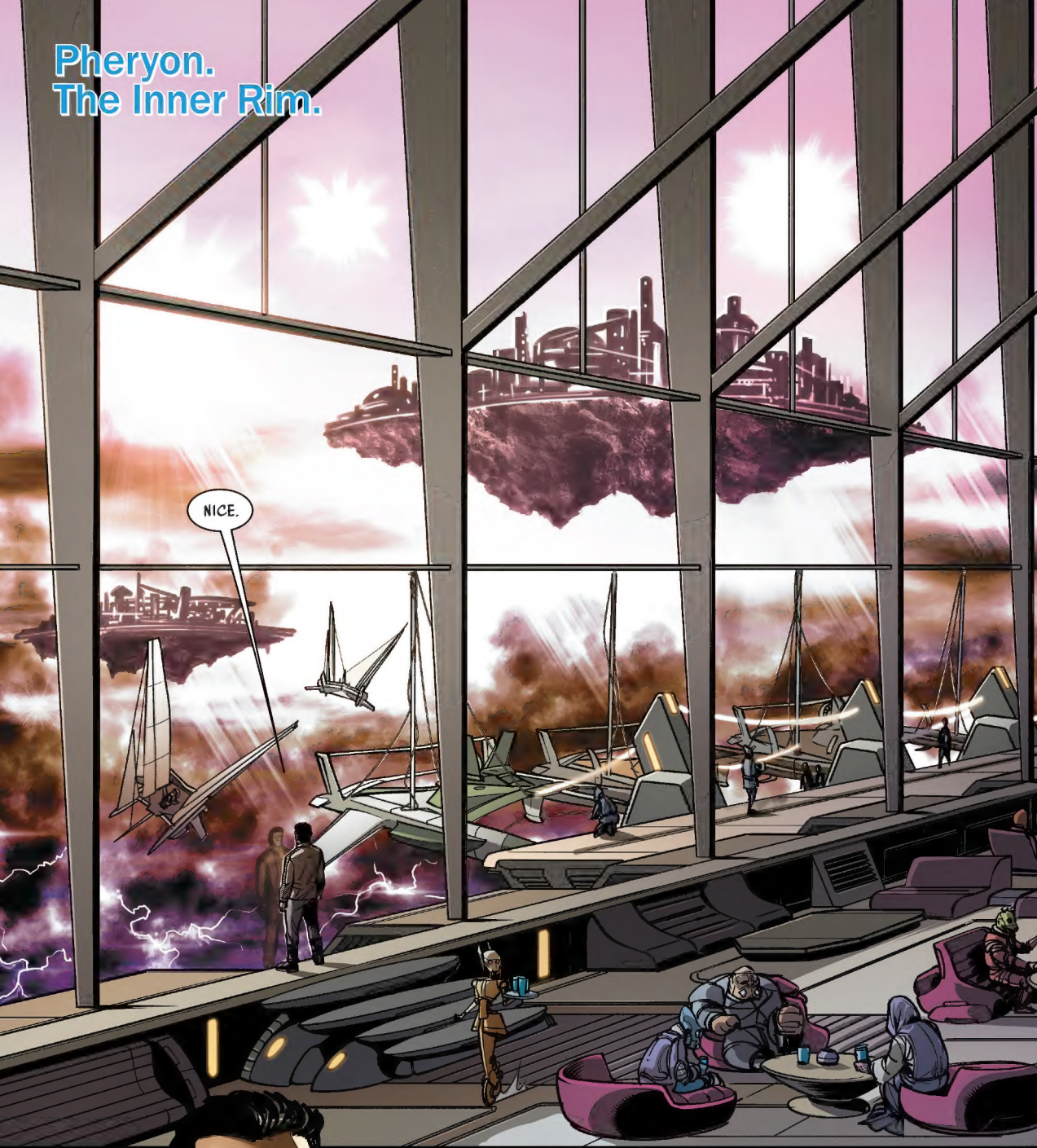
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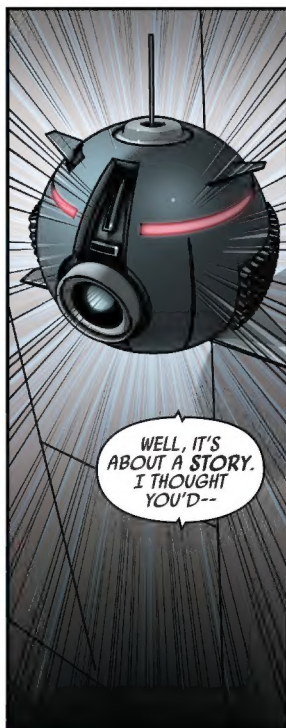
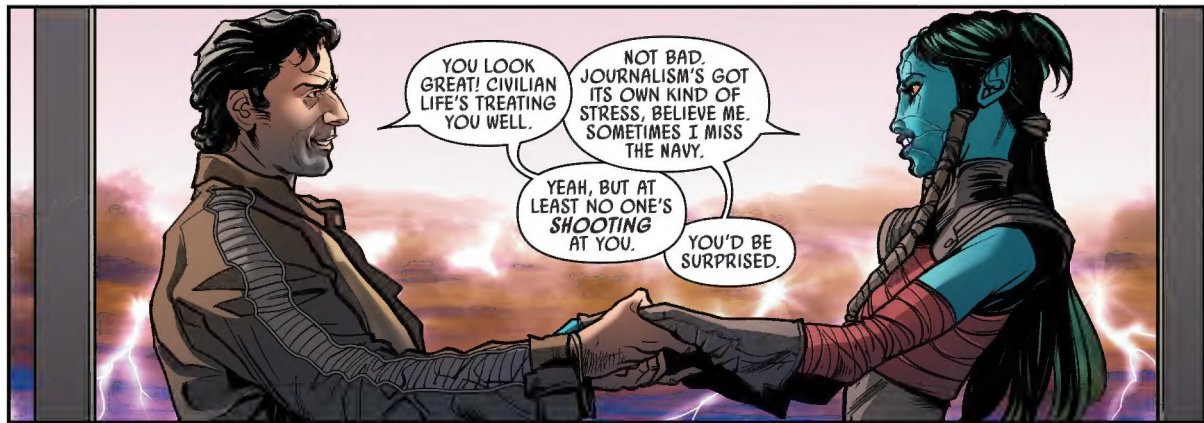


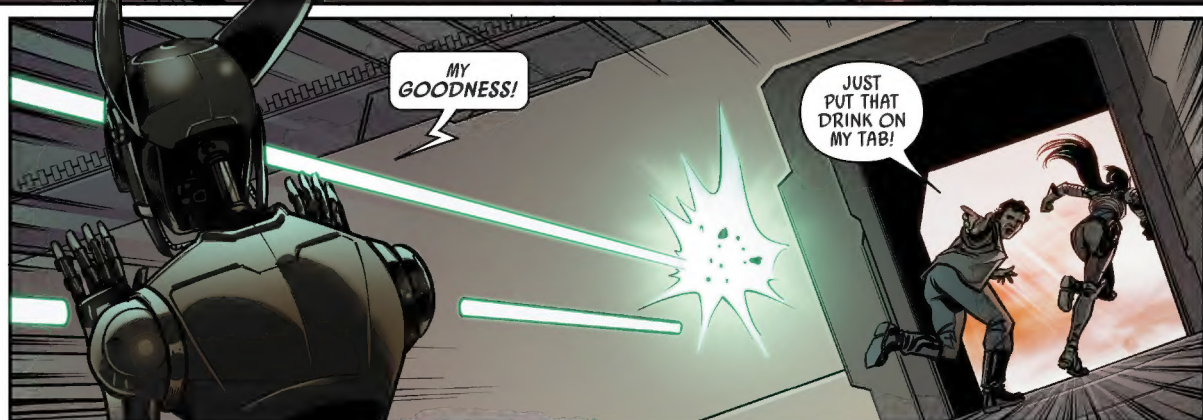
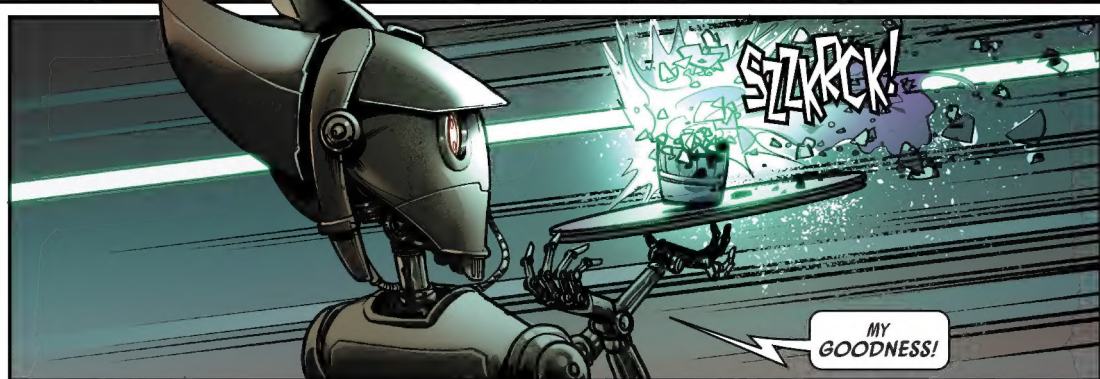
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Pheryon. The Inner Rim.











THEY'LL CATCH UP WITH US ANY SECOND. WHERE'S YOUR SHIP?

SHIP? WHAT SHIP? I TOOK A **TRANSPORT** HERE. WHAT, YOU THINK I FLY MY X-WING TO MEET AN OLD NAVY BUDDY FOR A DRINK?



DOESN'T THIS PLANET HAVE **SECURITY** FORCES?

NOT HERE, APPARENTLY. THOSE THUGS PROBABLY PAID THEM OFF.

YOU HAVE A SPARE BLASTER? I CAN HELP TAKE THEM OUT. I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN **ALL** MY TRAINING.



THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A **SOCIAL** CALL TO A CIVILIZED PLANET, SURA! I DIDN'T BRING A BLASTER!

WELL, GREAT. AT LEAST WE'LL DIE **CIVILIZED**.



NO, WE WON'T. COME ON. I'VE GOT AN IDEA.

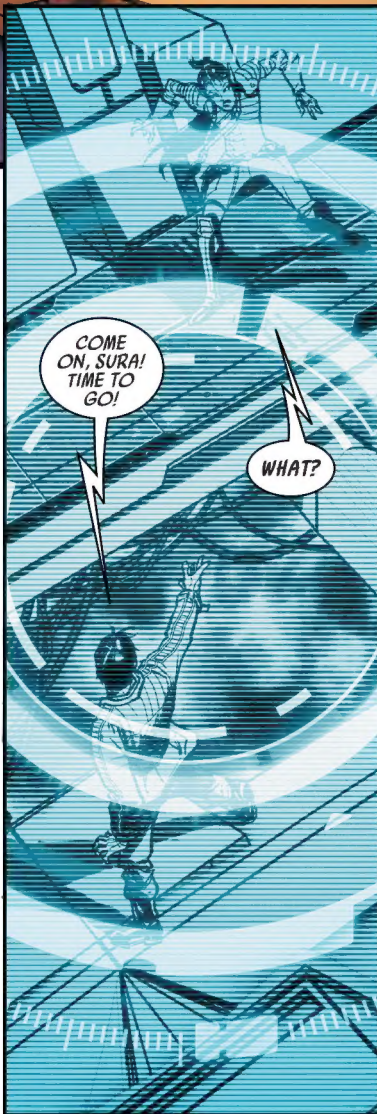


TAKE COVER!
SOME MANIACS
WITH BLASTERS ARE
SHOOTING UP
THE PLACE!

BLASTERS?
WHAT ARE
YOU--



AAH!



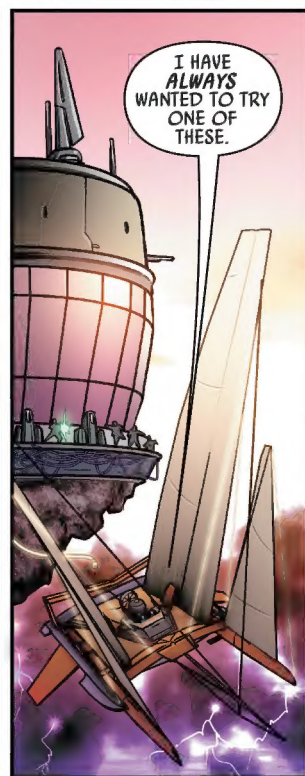
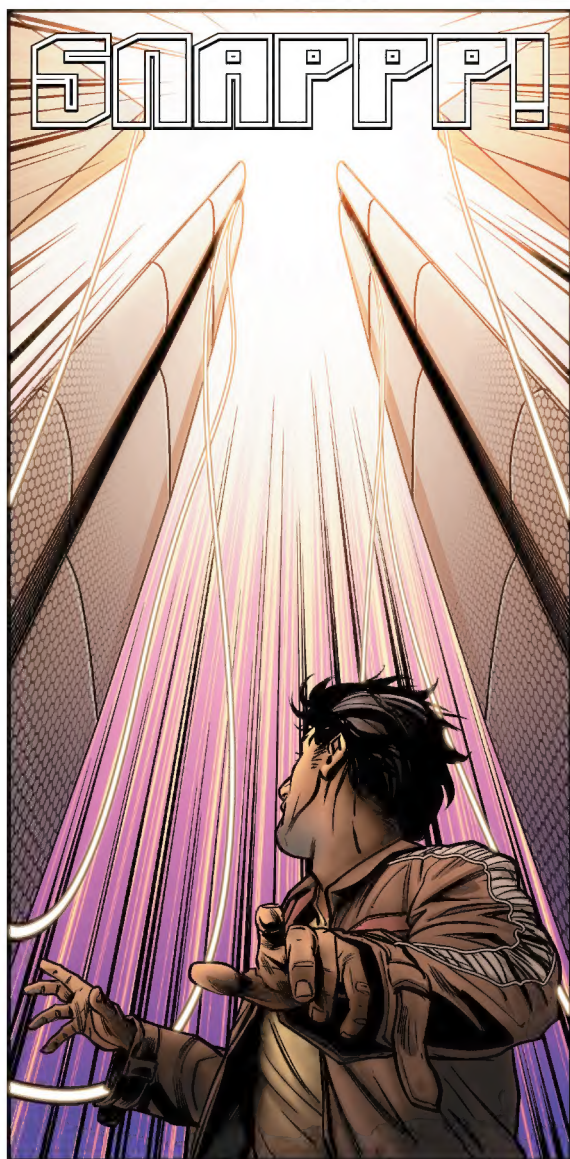
COME
ON, SURAI!
TIME TO
GO!

WHAT?



DISCONNECT
THAT HOOKUP
FOR ME!

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
CAN EVEN FLY
THIS THING,
POE?





HEY!
THAT'S MY
SHIP!



I'LL BRING IT
RIGHT BACK!
AND IF I DON'T,
PUT IT ON
MY TAB!



WHOOA!
TOLD YOU I
COULD GET IT
RUNNING.

NEVER
DOUBTED YOU
FOR A SECOND.
BUT MAYBE...**SLOW
DOWN?**

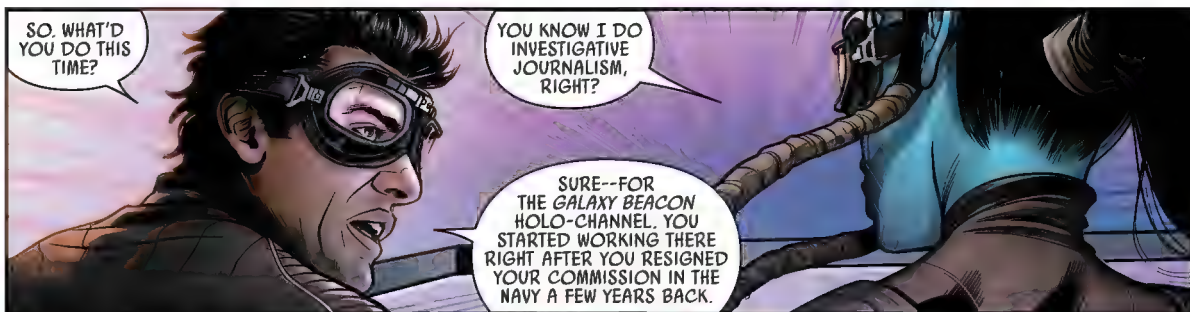
CONSIDERING
THIS IS YOUR **VERY
FIRST TIME** IN ONE
OF THESE?

NAH. I WANT
TO GET SOME
DISTANCE ON THE
BAD GUYS.

BESIDES,
THIS THING IS
AMAZING! I MIGHT
JUST TAKE UP THIS
SPORT!

A
STORMSAILER
COSTS ABOUT A
MILLION CREDITS,
POE.

HMM. MAYBE I
SHOULDN'T HAVE
PUT IT ON
MY TAB.





GOT IT
ALL FIGURED
OUT, EH?

YUP. NOT
THAT I CARE.
AGAINST-ALL-ODDS HERO
STUFF FITS YOU LIKE A
GLOVE, POE DAMERON.
WHATEVER MAKES
YOU HAPPY.

MM. SO
WHAT'S THIS
ABOUT THE FIRST
ORDER?



I DISCOVERED SOMETHING
IMPORTANT--THEY'RE **MILITARIZING**,
POE. THEY'VE GOT BASES OUT IN
THEIR SECTORS. SHIPYARDS.
WEAPONS RESEARCH
FACILITIES.

THEY'RE
BUILDING SOMETHING
BIG. AND I KNOW WHAT
IT IS. THAT'S WHY I
WANTED TO MEET
WITH YOU.

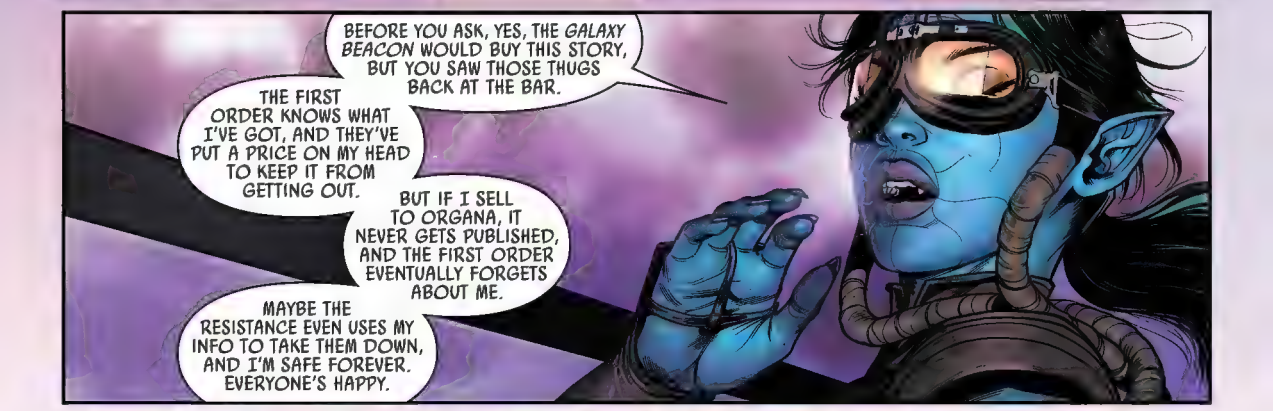
THOSE
RASCALS.
WHAT ARE THEY
UP TO?



I'M NOT GOING TO TELL
YOU. I'M GOING TO TELL
SENATOR ORGANA.

YOU WANT
TO JOIN HER CAUSE?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE
DONE FIGHTING.

I AM. I DON'T
WANT TO WORK WITH
ORGANA. I WANT HER
TO **PAY** ME.

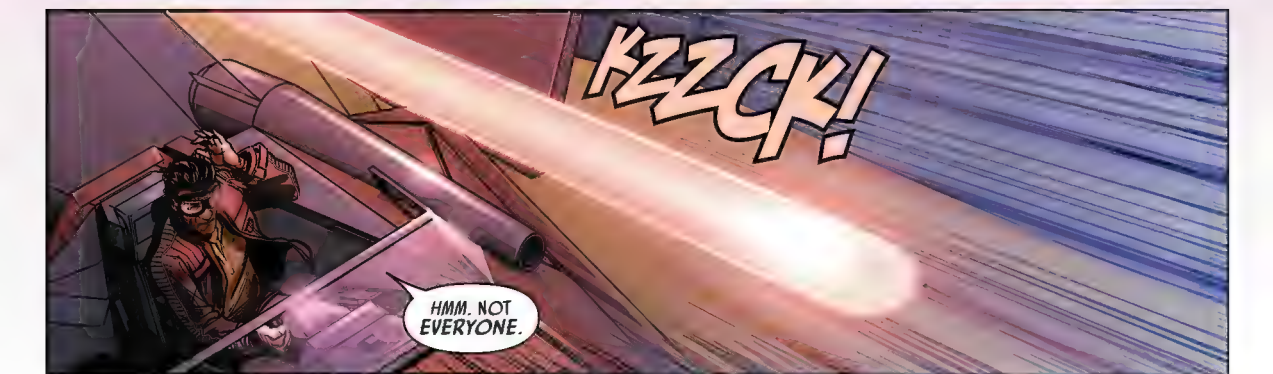


BEFORE YOU ASK, YES, THE **GALAXY
BEACON** WOULD BUY THIS STORY,
BUT YOU SAW THOSE THUGS
BACK AT THE BAR.

THE FIRST
ORDER KNOWS WHAT
I'VE GOT, AND THEY'VE
PUT A PRICE ON MY HEAD
TO KEEP IT FROM
GETTING OUT.

BUT IF I SELL
TO ORGANA, IT
NEVER GETS PUBLISHED,
AND THE FIRST ORDER
EVENTUALLY FORGETS
ABOUT ME.

MAYBE THE
RESISTANCE EVEN USES MY
INFO TO TAKE THEM DOWN,
AND I'M SAFE FOREVER.
EVERYONE'S HAPPY.



KZZCK!

HMM. NOT
EVERYONE.



WE CAN'T
OUTRUN THEM!
NOT IN *THIS*!

NOT
UP HERE,
ANYWAY.

WHAT?
POE, YOU *CAN'T*.
WE'LL BE TORN
APART!

I'VE READ ABOUT THESE SHIPS.
THE LOWER YOU GO, THE FASTER
YOU GO. THE BEST PILOTS WIN
RACES BY DIPPING DOWN INTO
THE STORMSEA TO BOOST
THEIR SPEED.

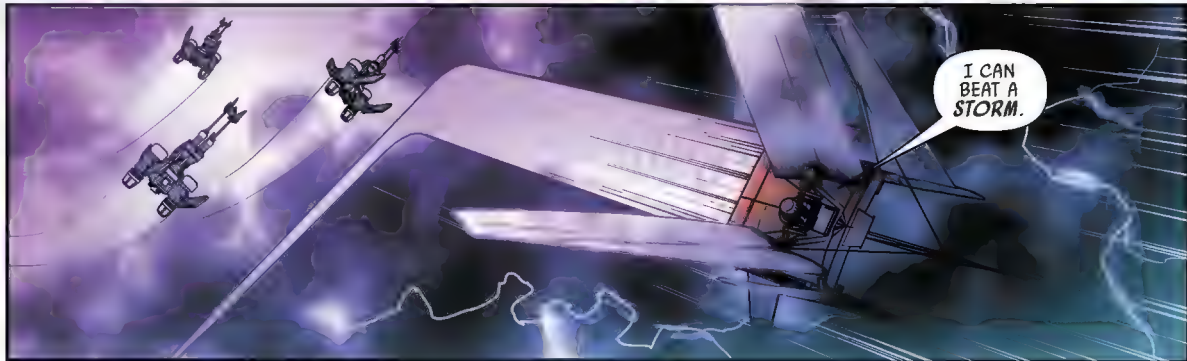
YEAH, BUT
HALF OF THEM NEVER
COME UP AGAIN! YOU
DON'T HAVE TO DO
THIS! I MEAN IT--YOU
REALLY DON'T!

YOU'RE
RIGHT. HALF OF
'EM DON'T COME
UP, BUT HALF OF
'EM *DO*.



WE STAY UP HERE, WE'RE
DEAD FOR SURE. WE GO
DOWN, WE'VE GOT
HALF A CHANCE.

IF THAT'S
MY CHOICE,
SURALINDA, I'LL
TAKE THE
STORM.

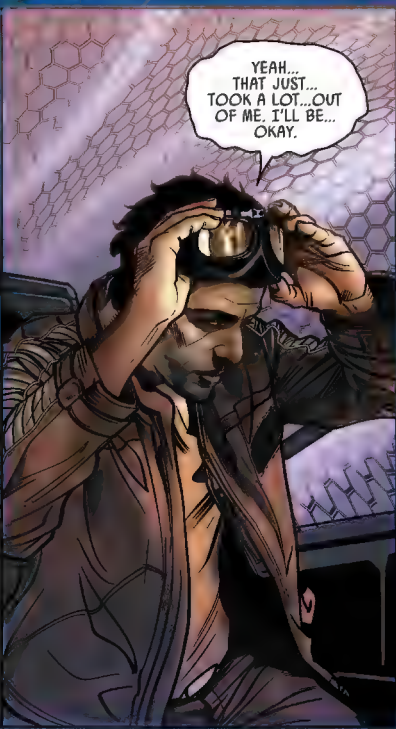


I CAN
BEAT A
STORM.



TOLD YOU...
I COULD...
BEAT...A STUPID...
STORM.

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

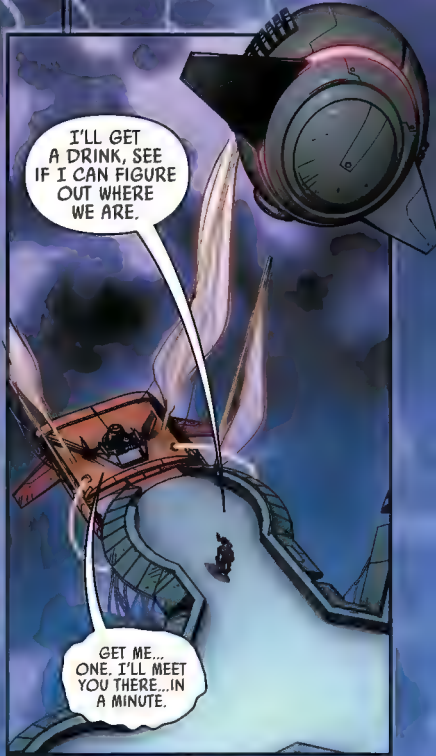


YEAH...
THAT JUST...
TOOK A LOT...OUT
OF ME, I'LL BE...
OKAY.



JUST
GIVE ME A
MINUTE TO...
REST.

LOOKS
LIKE THERE'S
A TAVERN UP
THERE.



I'LL GET
A DRINK, SEE
IF I CAN FIGURE
OUT WHERE
WE ARE.

GET ME...
ONE, I'LL MEET
YOU THERE...IN
A MINUTE.



SO YOU CATCH THE SHUTTLE
BACK TO THE BIG ISLAND--
RUNS A FEW TIMES A DAY. FROM
THERE, YOU CAN GET PASSAGE
OFF-WORLD.

THANKS,
THAT'S REALLY
HELPFUL. I
APPRECIATE
IT.



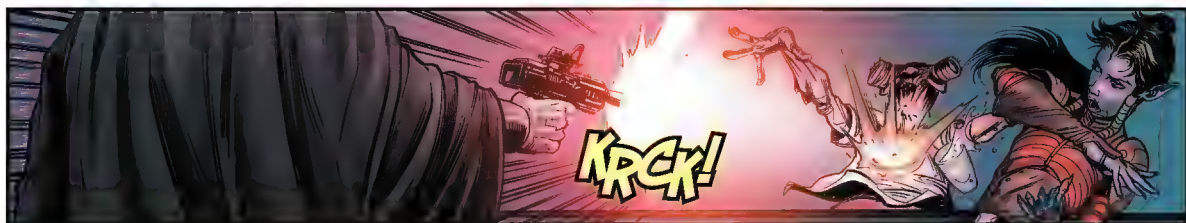
LOOKS LIKE YOUR
FRIENDS FINALLY
SHOWED UP, BUT YOU
DIDN'T ORDER
ENOUGH
DRINKS.

WHAT
ARE YOU TALKING
ABOUT? FRIENDS?
I'M ONLY MEETING
ONE--



--FRIEND.

HELLO, MS.
JAVOS. MY NAME
IS LIEUTENANT
WEEL.



KRCK!



COME
ALONG. WE
HAVE MUCH TO
DISCUSS.

AH,
BLAST. THIS
AIN'T GOOD.





I DON'T BELIEVE I'M FAMILIAR WITH YOUR SPECIES, MS. JAVOS.

I'M SQUAMATAN. OUR PLANET HAD TWO THINGS ON IT--THORILIDE DEPOSITS AND US. THE EMPIRE WANTED THE MINERALS, AND FIGURED THEY COULD USE US AS SLAVES TO GET IT.

THESE DAYS, THE THORILIDE'S GONE, AND SO ARE WE, MOSTLY.

IS THAT RIGHT? WELL, QUITE HONESTLY...



...THAT SOUNDS LIKE A RATHER EFFICIENT SOLUTION.

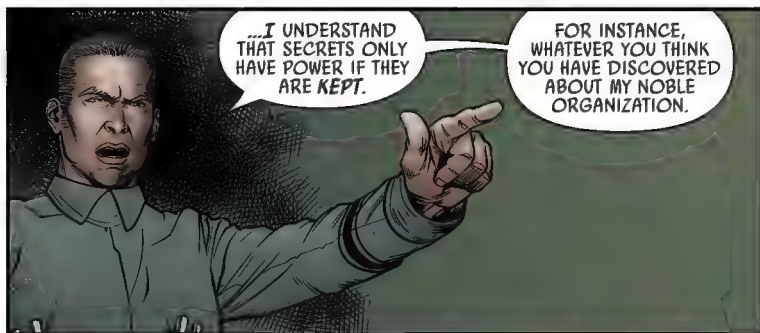


YOU'RE... YOU'RE **FIRST ORDER**.

CORRECT. FIRST ORDER SECURITY BUREAU, TO BE EXACT.

WE ACTUALLY HAVE A GOOD DEAL IN COMMON, YOU AND I. WE BOTH DEAL IN **SECRETS**.

HOWEVER, WHILE **YOU** SEEM TO LIKE **WASTING** PERFECTLY GOOD SECRETS BY BROADCASTING THEM ALL OVER THE GALAXY IN YOUR LITTLE **NEWSVIDS**...



...I UNDERSTAND THAT SECRETS ONLY HAVE POWER IF THEY ARE **KEPT**.

FOR INSTANCE, WHATEVER YOU THINK YOU HAVE DISCOVERED ABOUT MY NOBLE ORGANIZATION.



TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THE FIRST ORDER, MS. JAVOS.

TELL ME, OR YOU WILL TELL MY BLADE.

BZZZZZ

OH...NO, NO. YOU'RE... YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE.



I HAVE A PROPOSITION.



YOU LET ME OUT OF THESE CUFFS, AND I FACE ONE OF YOU IN COMBAT.

I DON'T EVEN NEED A WEAPON, AND YOU CAN KEEP YOUR ARMOR.

JUST ONE-ON-ONE, MAN-TO-MAN.



I MEAN, DON'T YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO BRAG ABOUT BEATING THE GREAT POE DAMERON IN A STRAIGHT-UP FIGHT?

I'M *FAMOUS*. BEST PILOT IN THE GALAXY. PEOPLE SAY THAT.

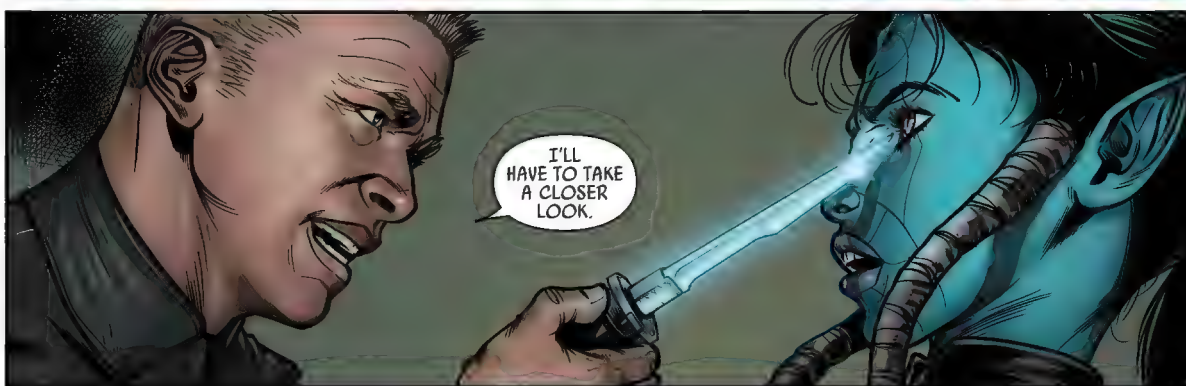
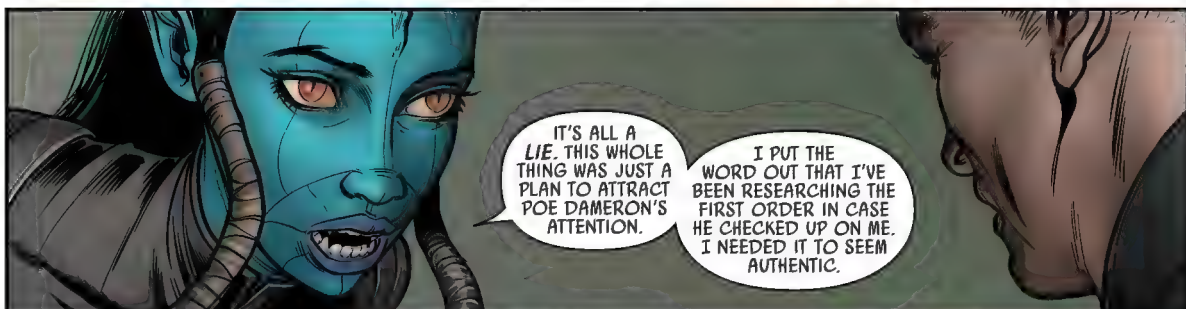
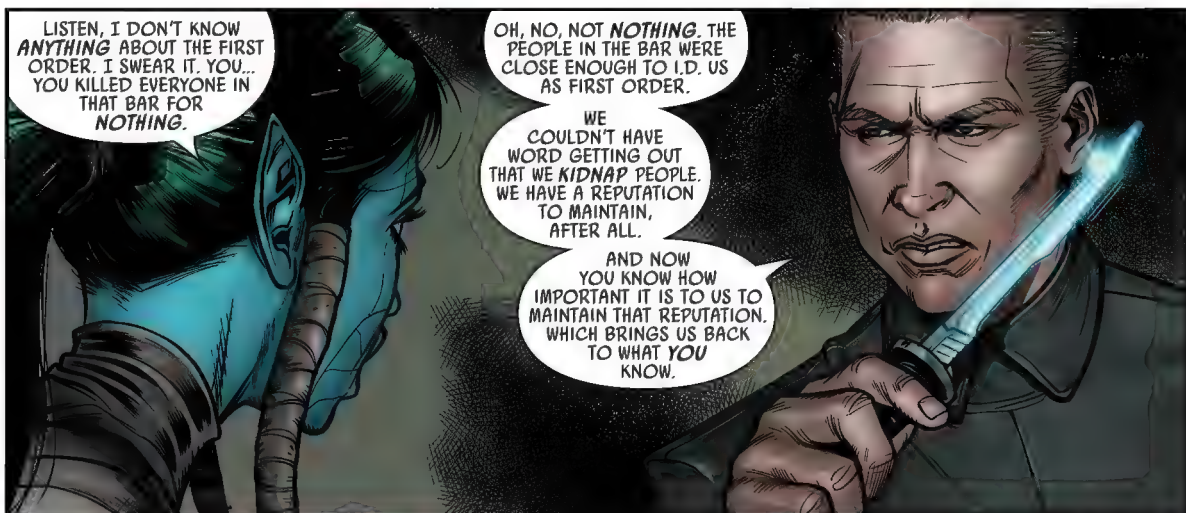


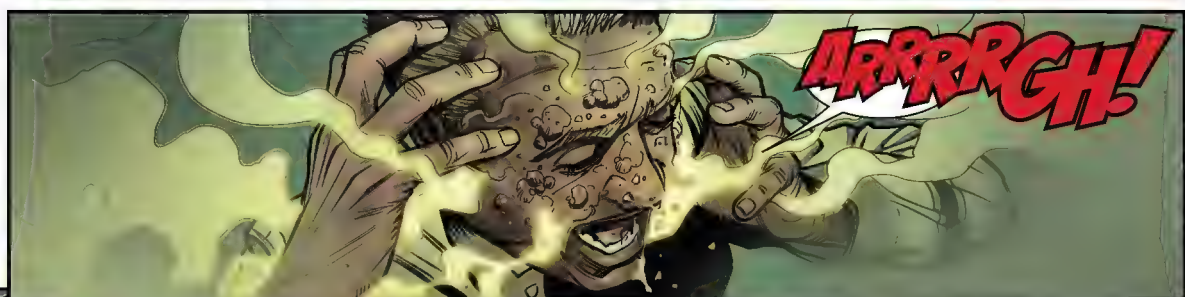
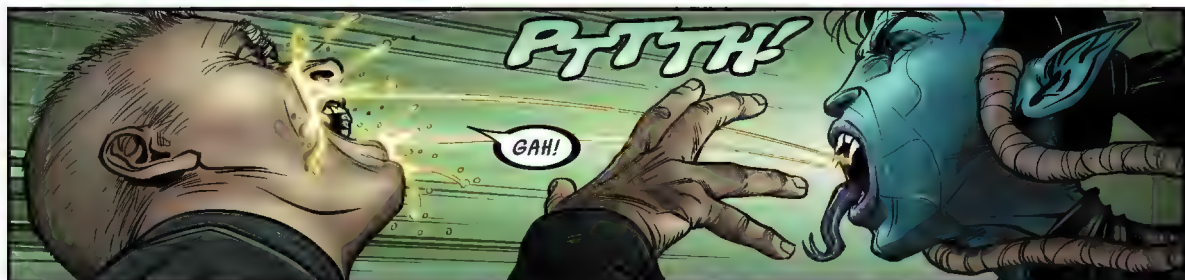
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EH.

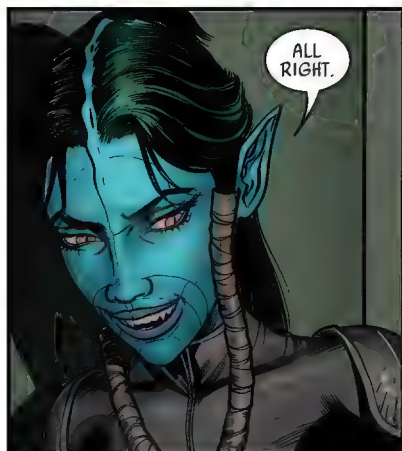
IT WAS WORTH A SHOT.







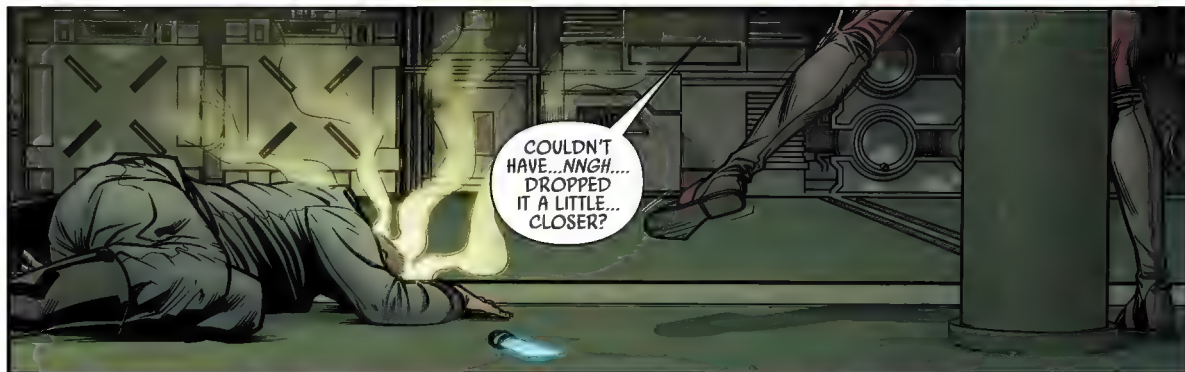
WE HAVE
A REPUTATION
TOO.



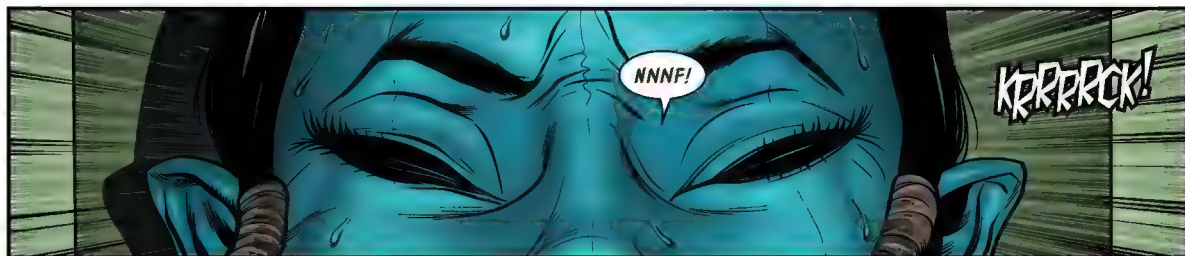
ALL
RIGHT.



LET'S
JUST SEE
HERE.

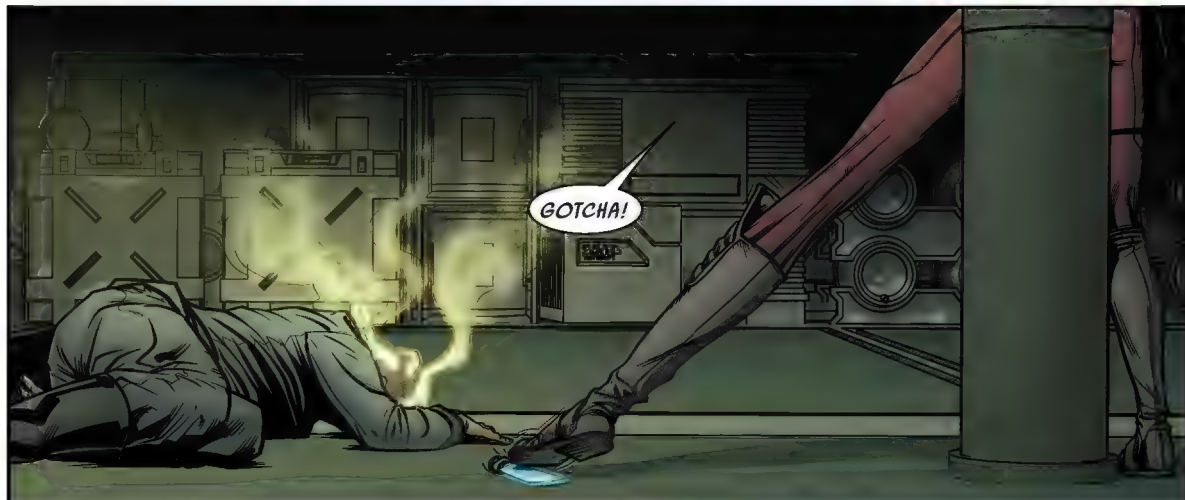


COULDN'T
HAVE...NNGH....
DROPPED
IT A LITTLE
CLOSER?

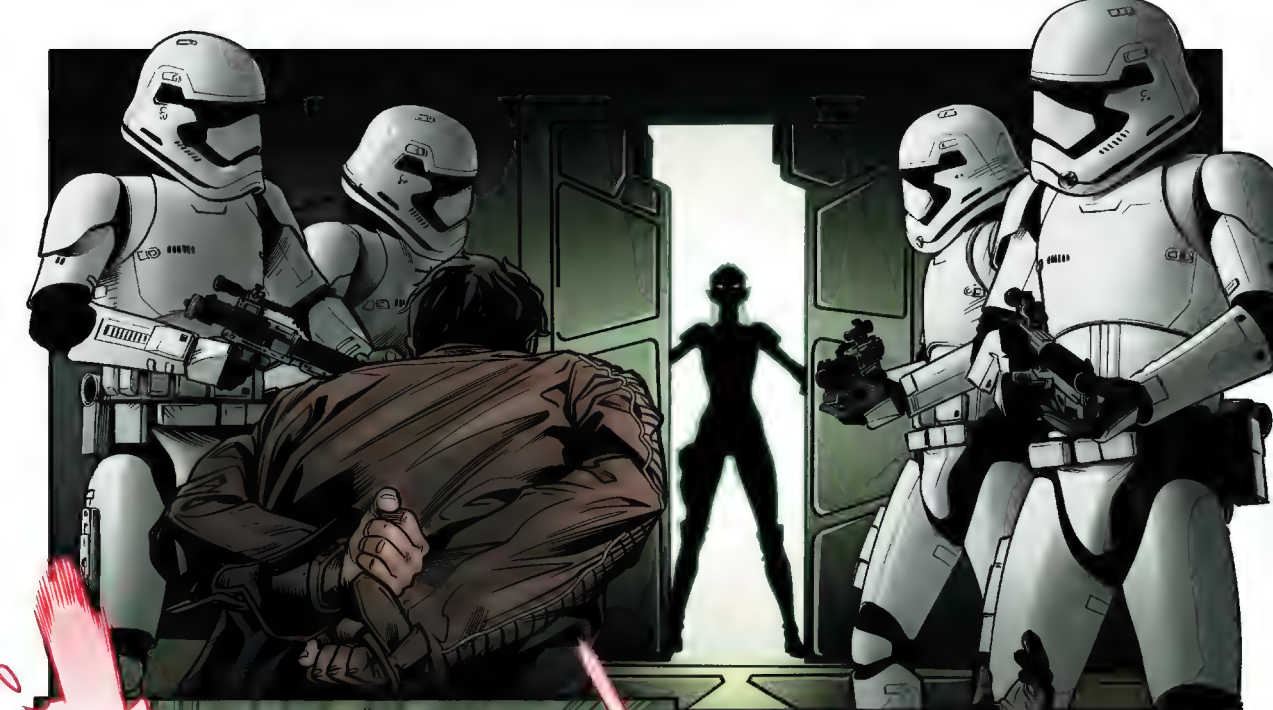


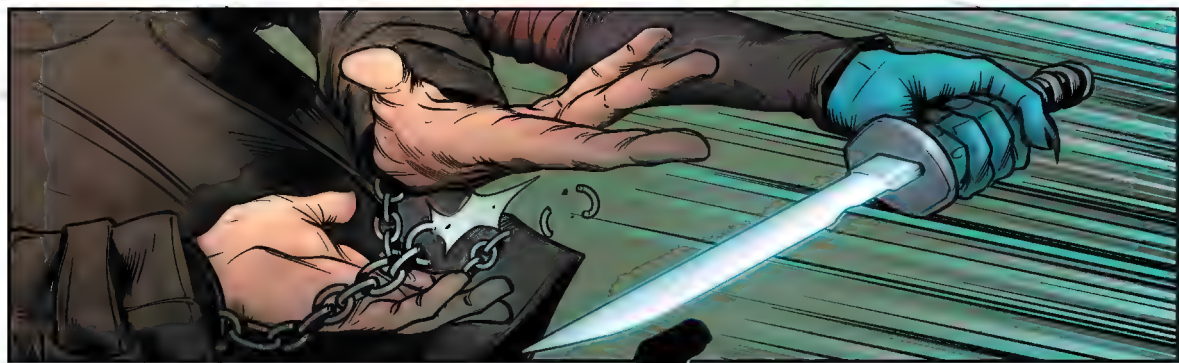
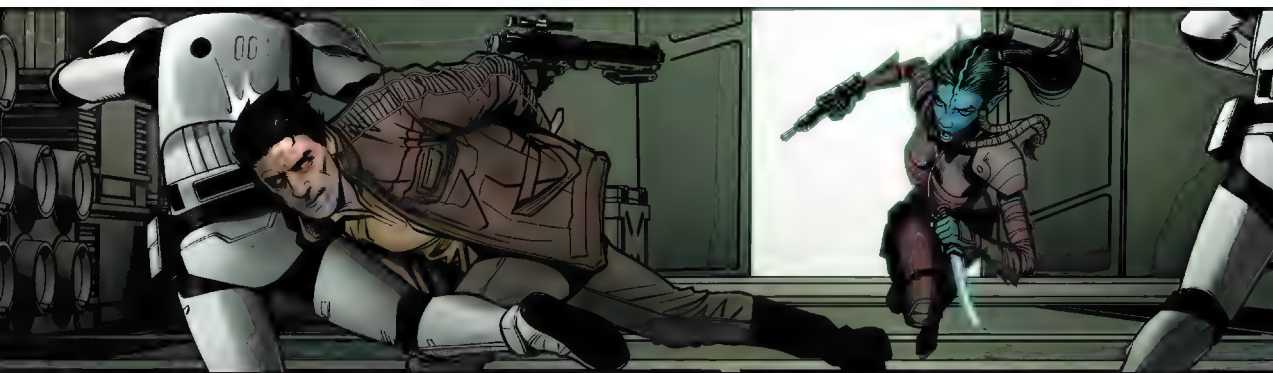
NNNF!

KRRRRROCK!



GOTCHA!







TOLD
YOU I STILL
REMEMBER
MY NAVY
TRAINING.

UH...YEAH.
I GUESS
YOU DO.



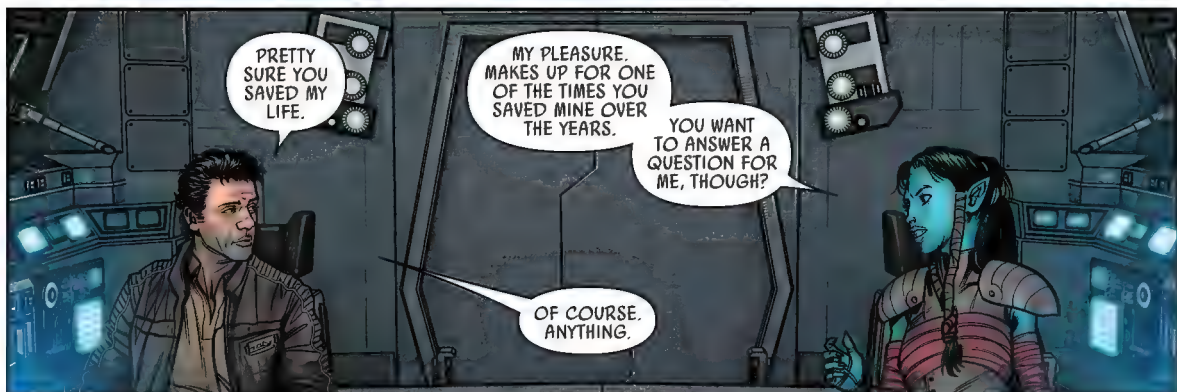
THESE GUYS
MUST HAVE A HAD A
SHIP AROUND HERE
SOMEWHERE.

WHAT DO
YOU SAY WE
GET GONE?

YOU
READ MY
MIND.



THANK YOU
FOR WHAT YOU
DID BACK THERE,
SURALINDA.

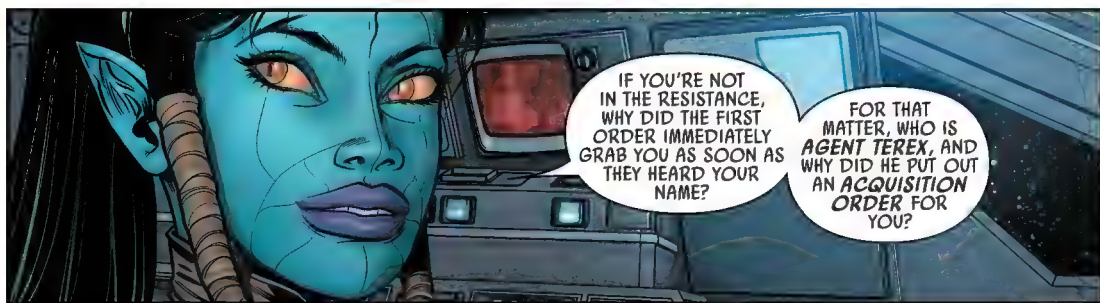


PRETTY
SURE YOU
SAVED MY
LIFE.

MY PLEASURE.
MAKES UP FOR ONE
OF THE TIMES YOU
SAVED MINE OVER
THE YEARS.

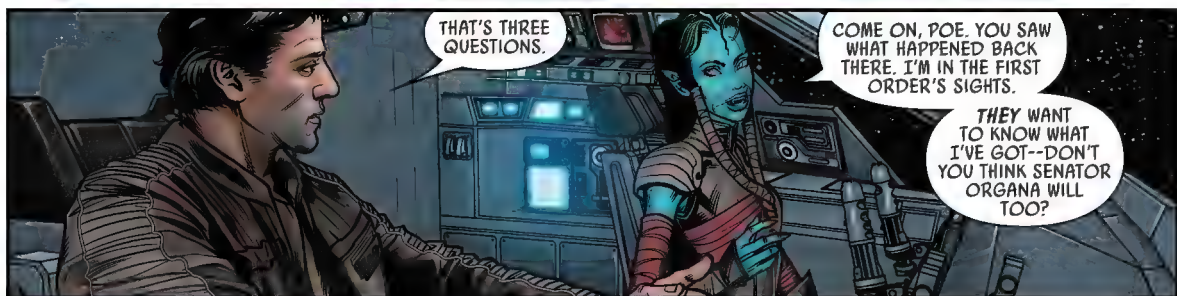
YOU WANT
TO ANSWER A
QUESTION FOR
ME, THOUGH?

OF COURSE.
ANYTHING.



IF YOU'RE NOT
IN THE RESISTANCE,
WHY DID THE FIRST
ORDER IMMEDIATELY
GRAB YOU AS SOON AS
THEY HEARD YOUR
NAME?

FOR THAT
MATTER, WHO IS
AGENT TEREX, AND
WHY DID HE PUT OUT
AN **ACQUISITION**
ORDER FOR
YOU?



THAT'S THREE
QUESTIONS.

COME ON, POE. YOU SAW
WHAT HAPPENED BACK
THERE. I'M IN THE FIRST
ORDER'S SIGHTS.

THEY WANT
TO KNOW WHAT
I'VE GOT--DON'T
YOU THINK SENATOR
ORGANA WILL
TOO?

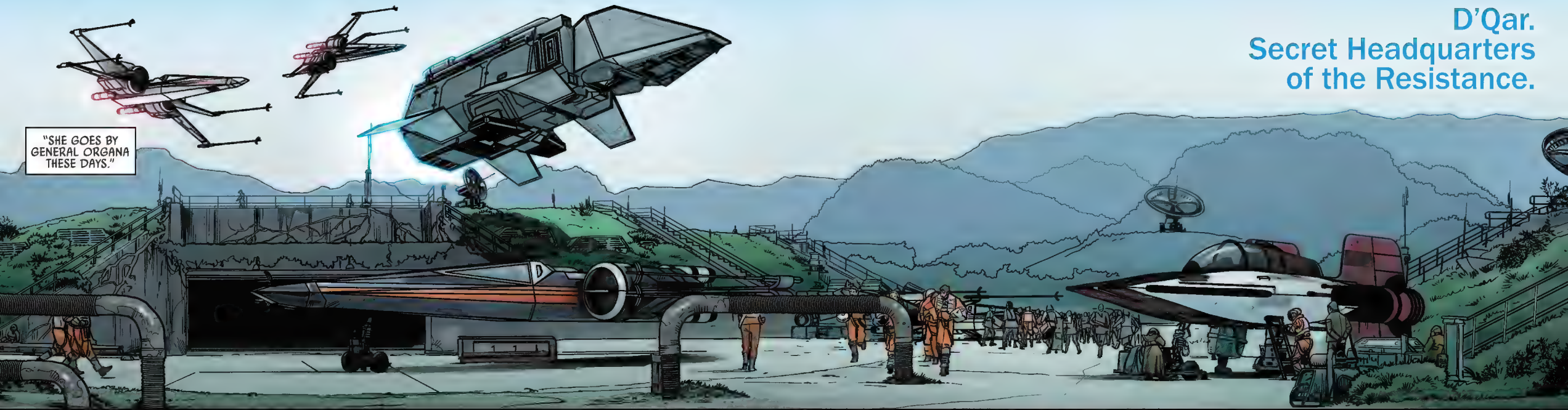


HYPERSPACE
COORDINATES
ENTERED. PREPARING
FOR JUMP TO
LIGHTSPEED.

HNH. THERE'S
SOMETHING YOU
SHOULD KNOW,
SURALINDA.

D'Qar.
Secret Headquarters
of the Resistance.

"SHE GOES BY
GENERAL ORGANA
THESE DAYS."



WHERE ARE WE?

I TRUST YOU, BUT THAT'S NOT MY SECRET TO SHARE. I WOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT YOU HERE AT ALL, EXCEPT THAT IT'S THE ONE PLACE I KNEW WE'D BE SAFE.

I'VE DISABLED THE SHUTTLE'S TRANSPONDER AND TRACKING SYSTEMS--FOR ALL THE FIRST ORDER KNOWS, THIS SHIP IS STILL PARKED ON PHERYON.

HONESTLY, THOUGH, I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. NOW YOU CAN SEE. YOU KNOW WHAT THE FIRST ORDER DOES. ALL OF THIS...

...IS ABOUT TRYING TO STOP IT.

JUST SIT TIGHT. I'LL GO TALK TO GENERAL ORGANA. NO PROMISES, BUT IF SHE WANTS TO HEAR WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO SAY, I'LL BRING HER BACK HERE.

ALL RIGHT, POE. THANK YOU.



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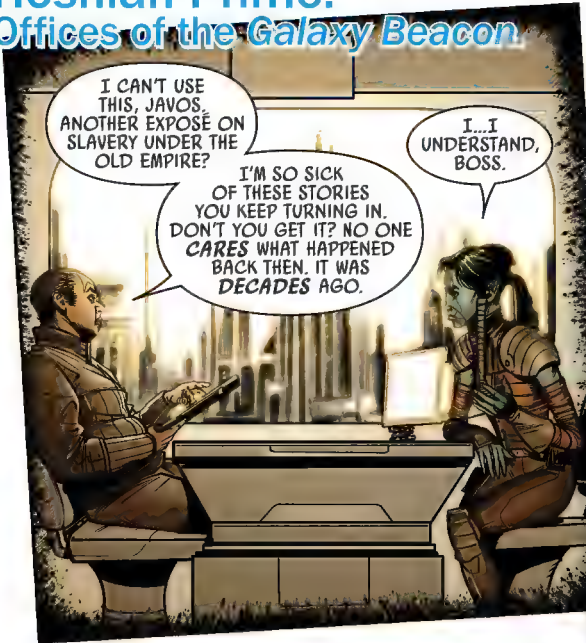
COME ON...SLICEY, SLICEY.

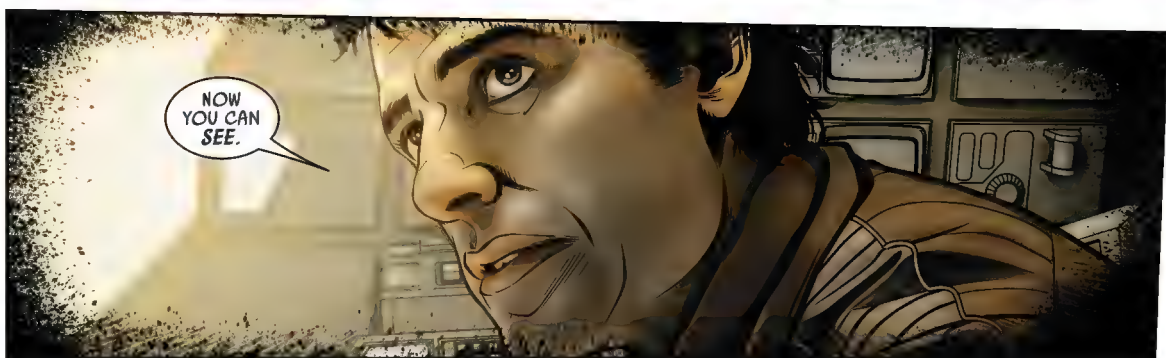
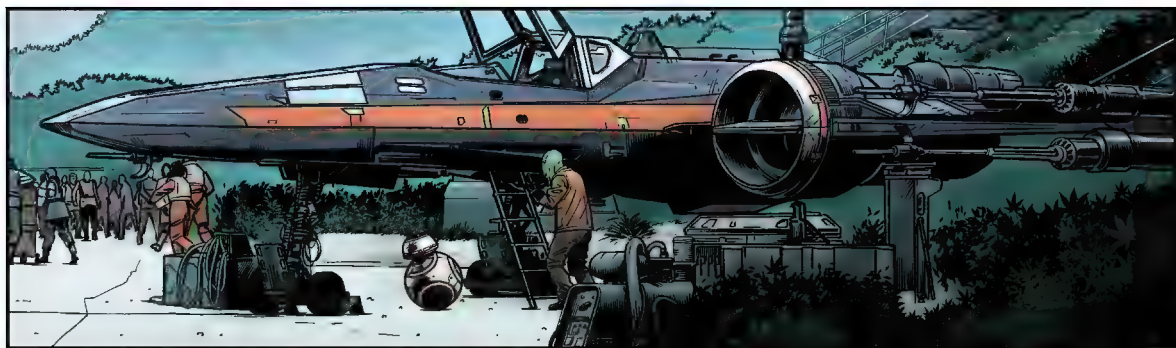
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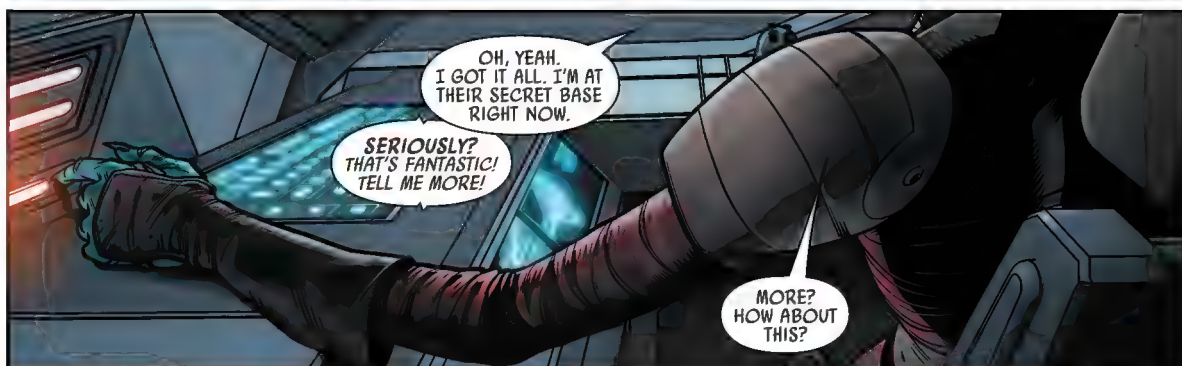
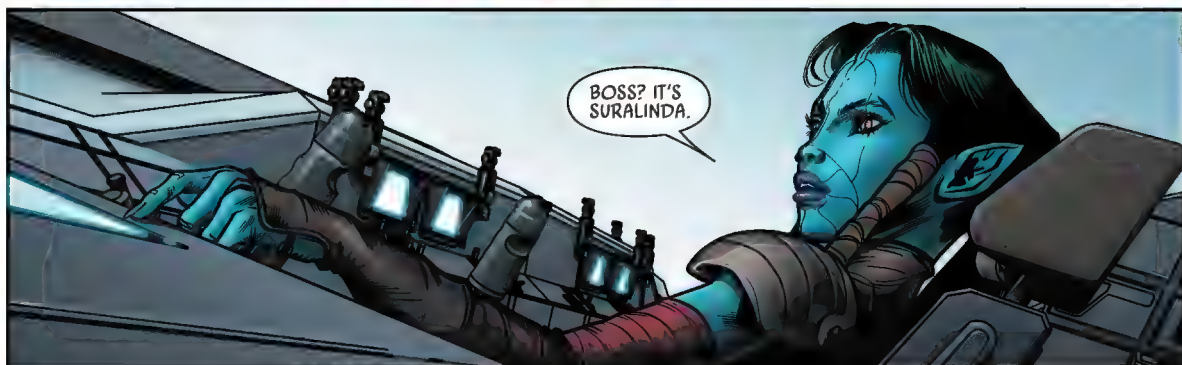
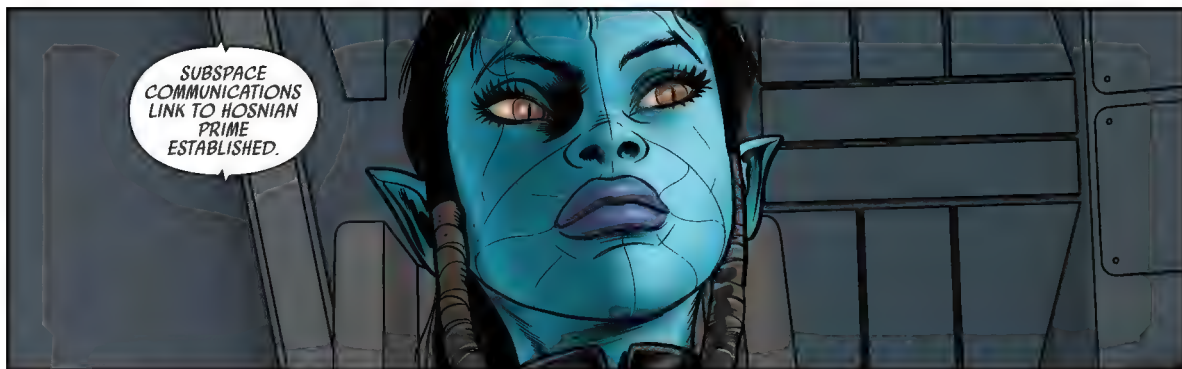
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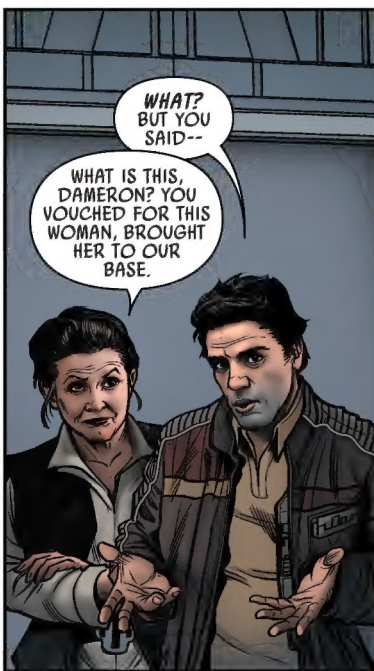
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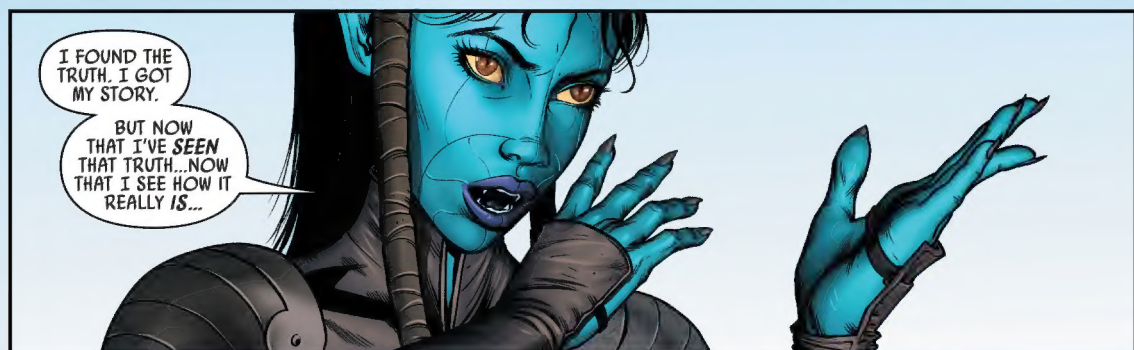
Hosnian Prime.
Offices of the *Galaxy Beacon*.











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THE SEVEN SEAS

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**BLACK MANTA
EMPIRE**



• Call 555-FISH